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The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman, The Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: Support for AT&T pre-paid calling card filing (Docket 03-133)

Dear Chairman Powell:


I learned, with interest, of a pending proposal that would appear to be quite expensive for Florida's college student population and their families - increased charges for calling cards.

The Florida Student Association, Inc., is a student issues group formed in 1976 to represent the students of the State University System of Florida. We are composed of the student body presidents of the state universities and their respective staffs, including Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida International University, Florida State University, New College of Florida, the University of Central Florida, the University of North Florida, the University of South Florida, and the University of West Florida. FSA coordinates the collective efforts of each of our member student governments, helping to provide a cohesive and unified voice in government decision making.

On behalf of Florida's estimated 269,000 college students, I am writing to urge that the FCC reject any efforts that would allow new access charges to be placed on long-distance, enhanced service calls made with pre-paid calling cards. As you are no doubt aware, college students and their families are one of the largest users of pre-paid calling cards because of their cost and convenience. With hikes in tuition and the cost of living rising, families supporting college students are already stretched thin. Asking them to pay even more so that their son or daughter can call home is unjust.

The current system of pre-paid calling cards is working well for everyone. This is not the time to change the rules. That's why I urge the FCC to support AT&T's petition for declaratory judgment (Docket 03-133).

Sincerely,


Scott L. Ross
Executive Director

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